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**From:** Quirarte-Ortiz, Cecilia  
**Sent:** Thur 11/12/2015 10:33:33 PM  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Daily Digest – 11/12/15

Poste/sent – I am off on Fridays since Nov 6<sup>th</sup> till end of Dec. Please send the DD to Ben as he's my backup. Thanks.

**From:** Bryan, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 4:01 PM  
**To:** R7 Daily Digest INBOX <R7\_Daily\_Digest\_INBOX@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** OPA Daily Digest – 11/12/15

#### **Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

#### **RA:**

**11/30/15** - Process Excellence Improvement Training, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Jonathan Cooper, 7287

**12/8-9/15** - Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

**12/14/15** - Courtesy Visit with Rob Manes and John Cougher, The Nature Conservancy, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

#### **DRA:**

**11/17-18/15** - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington D.C. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

**12/8-9/15** - Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

**10/29/15** – Regional Recognition Ceremony, Regional Office, Contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541

**11/10/15** – Meeting with GSA Region 6 Administrator on Executive Order requirement for EPA/GSA climate change program development through Federal Executive Board, Regional Office. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

**12/14/15** - Courtesy Visit with Rob Manes and John Cougher, The Nature Conservancy, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events**

**AWMD**

**11/17/15** – Prescribed burn workshop for Kansas counties, Horton, Kan. Contact: Gina Grier, 7078

**11/18-19/15** – Pollution Prevention (P2) Roundtable Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Jim Callier, 7646

**12/3/15** – Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response meeting, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Fatima Ndiaye, 7383

**12/3/15** – Meet with Iowa Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Bureau and observe Kaizen event, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Heather Hamilton, 7039

**12/7/15** – Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant exercise, Burlington, Kan. Contact: Chuck Hooper, 7271

**12/10/15** - Mid-America Regional Council's Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Fatima Ndiaye, 7383

**12/11/15** – Missouri Emergency Response Commission meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Terri Blunk, 7013

**12/16/15** – E.O. 13650 Federal Inspector training, EPA Regional Office, Lenexa, Kan. Contact: George Hess, 7540

#### **CNSL**

None

#### **ECO**

**11/18- 19/15** – MDNR Integrated Compliance Information System – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (ICIS-NPDES) HQ Training, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neal Gilbert, 7985

**\*11/16/2015** – Carter Carburetor Quarterly Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

**\*12/1/2015** – Friends of the Kaw, Wyandotte High School, Kansas, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**\*12/2/2015** – Friends of the Kaw, Wyandotte High School, Kansas, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**\*12/14/2015** – Friends of the Kaw, Wyandotte High School, Kansas, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**\*12/18/2015** – Friends of the Kaw, Wyandotte High School, Kansas, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**\*1/6/2016** – Friends of the Kaw, Wyandotte High School, Kansas, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

**\*1/11/2016** – Friends of the Kaw, Wyandotte High School, Kansas, Ks. Contact: Pamela Houston, 7699

## **ENST**

**11/15/15** – Monitoring & Environmental Services Branch staff will attend the 8th Annual Symposium on Harmful Algal Blooms in the United States for training on new techniques and technology. Contact: Mike Davis, 5042

**11/16-20/15** – Quality Assurance Training at Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Diane Harris, 7258

## **PLMG**

**11/17/15** – FEMA RiskMap workshop in Kansas City, Mo. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

**11/21/15**- 39th Street Corridor Redevelopment public involvement meeting at Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council Center, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: David Doyle, 7667.

## **RA/OPA**

None

## **SUPR**

**11/12/15** – Status meeting on Conservation Chemical site with PRPs and MDNR in Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Andrew Gieseke, 7024.

**11/12/15** – Federal Executive Board meeting in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Jeff Field, 7548.

**11/13/15** – St. Louis County Emergency Management meeting with area business continuity planners, Ballwin, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, x7670

**11/16/15** – Carter Carburetor Site EPA/PRP meeting in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Adam Ruiz, 7926

**11/16-17/15** – Advanced hot zone entry/decontamination drills and exercises, Region 7 personnel and other participating entities. Training and Logistics Center, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Doug Ferguson, 7221.

**11/16-20/15** – Participating in the National Remediation Review Board in Portland, Ore. Contact: Jeff Field, 7548.

**12/3/15** – FEMA Training and Exercise Planning meeting with regional agency partners, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: David Williams, 7625.

## **WWPD**

**11/10-12/15** – Ground Water Protection Council peer review of Nebraska Oil and Gas Commission, Class II Underground Injection Control Program, Sidney, Neb. Contact: Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

**11/12/15** – Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Climate Resilience Workshop, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Amy Shields, 7396, Roberta Vogel-Leutung, 7072

**11/17-18/15** – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Annual Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Review, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Gabrielle Thompson, 7569

**11/18-19/15** – Kansas Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas, Manhattan, Kan.

Contact: Amy Shields, 7396

**Congressional Inquiries:**

**Rep. Jason Smith** – 11/10/15 – Letter – Lake Forest Estates Community Association in St. Genevieve County concerns about NPDES permits. Due: 11/25/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Ann Wagner** – 11/9/15 – Letter – Questions about West Lake Landfill site. Due: 11/24/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Deb Fischer** – 11/5/15 – Letter – Questions about Region 7 investigations on enforcement of lead-based paint regulations in Nebraska. Due: 11/19/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**State Government Inquiries:**

**Rep. Margo McNeil** – 10/21/15 – Email – Follow-up questions from state legislator phone briefing related to West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

**Press Inquiries:**

**KIOS 91.5, Omaha Public Radio** – Cheril Lee – 10/19/15 – Requests interview about the newly award Environmental Justice Small Grant to Together Incorporated of Metropolitan Omaha. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Korean Broadcasting System** – Bae Rhee – 10/29/15 – Requesting interview with Region 7 about the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Curtis Carey, 7506 (open)

**Joplin Globe** – Allie Hinga – 11/12/15 – Questions about mine waste disposal in Newton County, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

**Joplin Globe** – Allie Hinga – 11/12/15 – Questions about overflow situation at the Granby, Mo., wastewater treatment facility. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**KRVN Radio, Lexington, Neb.** - Jesse Harding - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the Clean Water Rule, RFS and a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Red River Farm Network, Grand Forks, N.D.** - Carah Hart - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the Clean Water Rule, RFS and a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**ZimmComm Media, Cantonment, Fla.** - Cindy Zimmerman - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the Clean Water Rule and nutrient recycling challenge competition at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**California Ag Radio, Clovis, Calif.** - Patrick Cavanaugh - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the nutrient recycling challenge competition and a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**WNAX Radio (distribute to tv outlets), Sioux Falls, S.D.** - Michelle Rook - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the Clean Water Rule, RFS and a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Brownfield Ag Network** - Ken Anderson - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the Clean Water Rule and RFS at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**AgDay (Television)/Agri-Talk (radio)** -Mike Adams - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the Clean Water Rule, RFS and a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**WJAG Radio, Norfolk, Neb.** - Susan Risinger -11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the nutrient recycling challenge competition and a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**University of Missouri-Extension Communications, Columbia, Mo.** - Jason Vance - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton the nutrient recycling challenge competition at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**KFRN Radio, Clay Center, Kan.** - Kyle Bauer - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about nutrient management and nutrient recycling challenge competition competition. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**WNAX Radio, Yankton, S.D.** - Michelle Rook - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the Clean Water Rule and RFS at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**RFD-TV, Washington, D.C.** - Janet Adkison - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the nutrient recycling challenge competition at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**KICD Radio, Spencer, Iowa** - Dan Skelton - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the Clean Water Rule and RFS at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**WHOTV Channel 13, Des Moines, Iowa** - David Geiger - 11/12/15: Interviewed Mark Hague about his role as the new regional administrator, Iowa nutrient reduction strategy, and agricultural partnerships in Iowa at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Living the Country Life Magazine, Des Moines, Iowa** - Jodi Henke - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the nutrient recycling challenge competition at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**WTAD Radio, Quincy, Ill.** - Jim Dewey - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the Clean Water Rule and RFS at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**South Dakota Department of Agriculture Communications, Pierre, S.D.** - Jody Heemstra - - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the nutrient recycling challenge competition at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**KFRN Radio, Clay Center, Kan.** - Kyle Bauer - 11/12/15: Interviewed Kris Lancaster about agriculture



outreach and Clean Water Rule at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Simmons Media, Langdon, North Dakota** - Ken Morgan - 11/12/15: Interviewed Ron Carleton about the Clean Water Rule and a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

#### **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

#### **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

#### **Environmental Stories:**

**KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Sisters pray for landfill resolution** - 11/11/15 - Holding signs about radiation hazards on the side of a busy road. It is not what you typically associate with a group of nuns. But the sisters of Franciscan St. Mary are not your traditional nuns.

<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/11/12/west-lake-landfill-bridgeton-landfill-praying-nuns-st-louis-franciscan-st-mary/75632812/>

**KMOV Channel 2 St. Louis - Fact vs Fiction: Bridgeton Landfill emergency plans** - 11/11/15 - Emergency plans that were released by nearby school districts and St. Louis County about the Bridgeton Landfill got some parents very worried. Russell Kinsaul examines how concerned parents should be.

<http://www.kmov.com/story/30495844/fact-vs-fiction-bridgeton-landfill-emergency-plans>

**St. Louis Public Radio - Missouri environmental advocates to sue over clean water rules** - 11/10/15 - As soon as January, environmentalists plan to file suit in an effort to force Missouri to establish stricter

regulations over water pollution. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/missouri-environmental-advocates-sue-over-clean-water-rules>

**The Missouri Times - MCE Demands EPA Enforce the Clean Water Act** - 11/11/15 - Friday, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE) sent a Notice of Intent to File Suit (NOI) to US EPA, alleging violation of US EPA's mandatory duty to issue effective standards when the state does not take action on its own. <http://themissouritimes.com/24159/mce-demands-epa-enforce-the-clean-water-act/>

**POWER Engineering - IMMI Turbines to Build 8-MW Iowa CHP Project** - 11/11/15 - IMMI Turbines announced Wednesday it will build a \$3.2 million combined heat and power (CHP) plant in Mason City, Iowa. The 8-MW plant will feature one remanufactured gas turbine and a heat recovery steam generator, producing 4.2 MW and 24,000 pounds per hour of 150 pounds per square inch process steam. <http://www.power-eng.com/articles/2015/11/immi-turbines-to-build-8-mw-iowa-chp-project.html>

**Waterloo-Cedar Falls (Iowa) Courier - DNR fines Nora Springs, says new wastewater plant needed** - 11/12/15 - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has fined the city of Nora Springs \$6,000 for violating effluent limits set in its wastewater permit. [http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/dnr-fines-nora-springs-says-new-wastewater-plant-needed/article\\_2ccfa91d-bdad-52c3-8a33-52f9ba72a2db.html](http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/dnr-fines-nora-springs-says-new-wastewater-plant-needed/article_2ccfa91d-bdad-52c3-8a33-52f9ba72a2db.html)

**Southeast Missourian (Cape Girardeau, Mo.) - Perry County finishes season with acceptable ozone numbers** - 11/12/15 - Area environmental committee members probably breathed a sigh of relief when the final ozone numbers were released for the 2015 season. <http://www.semissourian.com/story/2249541.html>

**KTVI Channel 2 St. Louis - Turning waste from pig farms into natural gas** - 11/11/15 - Roeslein Alternative Energy of St. Louis is teaming up with Smithfield Foods in what is considered to be one of the largest anaerobic digestion programs in the United States. They are turning pig poop into power. <http://fox2now.com/2015/11/11/turning-waste-from-pig-farms-into-natural-gas/>

**Kearney (Neb.) Hub (opinion) - Politics vs. wind farms** - 11/11/15 - Nebraska ranks high in wind energy potential, but lags behind neighboring states in turning that into electricity generation. So what's the hang-up in an age of increasing oil prices and an emphasis on a clean environment? [http://www.kearneyhub.com/opinions/kearneyview/politics-vs-wind-farms/article\\_81a90b64-8896-11e5-b441-fbe9dbad9f37.html](http://www.kearneyhub.com/opinions/kearneyview/politics-vs-wind-farms/article_81a90b64-8896-11e5-b441-fbe9dbad9f37.html)

**Ames Tribune - State Senator joins ISU students, faculty in climate talks** - Carlyn Hill, along with Alan Wanamaker, ISU associate professor of geological and atmospheric sciences, and Iowa State Senator Rob Hogg spoke at Elings Hall on the ISU Campus Wednesday about the critical impacts of

climate change and the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations (also known as COP 21) in December. <http://amestrib.com/news/state-senator-joins-isu-students-faculty-climate-talks>

**St. Louis Public Radio (blog) - Bloomberg's attack ad against Koster may be a political blessing -**  
11/11/15 - For Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster, being the target of former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg may not be so bad. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/bloombergs-attack-ad-against-koster-may-be-political-blessing>

**Lincoln (Neb.) Journal-Star - LES energy summit outlines challenges for electric industry -**  
11/10/15 - The No. 1 issue for the nation's electric industry is an Obama administration plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from power plants that burn fossil fuels, said Sue Kelly, president and CEO of the American Public Power Association. [http://journalstar.com/news/local/les-energy-summit-outlines-challenges-for-electric-industry/article\\_2a45a312-1892-52fd-9ec2-30d9ae9c2055.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/les-energy-summit-outlines-challenges-for-electric-industry/article_2a45a312-1892-52fd-9ec2-30d9ae9c2055.html)

**Beatrice (Neb.) Daily Sun - County OKs more stringent wind rules; wind farm plan appears dead -**  
11/10/15 - A nearly yearlong effort to update wind regulations in Lancaster County ended Tuesday when county leaders approved regulations that wind-energy supporters say will discourage projects in the county. [http://beatricedailysun.com/news/state-and-regional/county-oks-more-stringent-wind-rules-wind-farm-plan-appears/article\\_85fb8256-e543-5cdd-8713-9dd3ea72835a.html](http://beatricedailysun.com/news/state-and-regional/county-oks-more-stringent-wind-rules-wind-farm-plan-appears/article_85fb8256-e543-5cdd-8713-9dd3ea72835a.html)

**Christian Science Monitor - As coal use fades, renewables take center stage -** 11/11/15 - Weeks away from the UN climate change summit in Paris, major economies around the world are looking to cut pollution and invest in clean energy. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/2015/1111/As-coal-use-fades-renewables-take-center-stage>

**Ethanol Producers Magazine - Big Oil caught 'red handed' writing letter signed by lawmakers -**  
11/11/15 - Ethanol industry supporters say a recent anti-renewable fuel standard letter to the U.S. EPA is another attempt by petroleum companies to misinform the public and lawmakers about renewable volume obligations (RVO). <http://www.ethanolproducer.com/articles/12773/big-oil-caught-red-handed-writing-letter-signed-by-lawmakers>

**Washington Examiner - Backlash on green 'bully' Bloomberg? -** 11/12/15 - A \$10 million ad buy by media mogul Michael Bloomberg attacking state attorneys general who oppose President Obama's climate change rules is being labeled as bullying, which could backfire on the campaign. <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/backlash-on-green-bully-bloomberg/article/2576169>

**Other Words (blog) - Who Can Follow This Climate Leader? -** 11/11/15 - There's no shortcut on the road that leads away from climate chaos and toward a more sustainably powered economy. Brain or no brain, even the Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz could tell you that burning more oil, gas, and coal won't

get you there. He knows how dangerous it is to play with fire. <http://otherwords.org/who-can-follow-this-climate-leader/>

**In These Times - Will the EPA Ban a Pesticide That's Been Lowering Children's IQs for Years? -**

11/10/15 - In a remarkably rare move, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to withdraw its approval for all agricultural uses of a widely used pesticide, chlorpyrifos.

[http://inthesetimes.com/working/entry/18587/EPA\\_proposes\\_banning\\_chlorpyrifos\\_pesticide](http://inthesetimes.com/working/entry/18587/EPA_proposes_banning_chlorpyrifos_pesticide)

**Farm & Dairy - Senate votes to nullify Waters of the U.S. rule -**

11/11/15 - Voicing their concern over the U.S. EPA's Waters of the U.S. rule (part of the Clean Water Act), a group of mostly Republican U.S. senators approved a resolution Nov. 4 casting their "congressional disapproval" and asking that the new rule "have no force or effect." <https://www.farmanddairy.com/news/senate-votes-to-nullify-waters-of-the-u-s-rule/297062.html>

**Water Online - Senate Blocks Clean Water Rule -** 11/12/15 - Congressional lawmakers are still trying to pick up ground in the fight over the federal government's new clean water policy. That's in spite of the fact that implementation of the new rule has stalled as the courts consider whether the rulemaking was in bounds. <http://www.wateronline.com/doc/senate-blocks-clean-water-rule-0001>

**Huffington Post (blog) - Is Obama Doing Inhofe's Dirty Work on Biofuels? -** 11/11/15 - It's ironic, then, that even as Obama extolls the virtue of keeping fossil fuels in the ground, his administration is in the process of gutting the Renewable Fuel Standard. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/paul-alexander/is-obama-doing-inhofes-di\\_b\\_8541354.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/paul-alexander/is-obama-doing-inhofes-di_b_8541354.html)

**Agency France Press - US environment protection chief says reforms to outlast Obama -**

11/12/15 - As Barack Obama's political foes vow to shred his environmental reforms and foreign allies worry US commitments at Paris climate talks could unravel, EPA administrator Gina McCarthy told AFP the new rules are here to stay. <https://en-maktoob.news.yahoo.com/us-environment-protection-chief-says-reforms-outlast-obama-110659327.html>

**Washington Examiner (blog) - Climate issues deserve an honest debate -** 11/12/15 - Nebraska Senator Ben Sasse recently gave an important speech on the Senate floor in which he said, "We all know deep down that the political class is unpopular not because of our relentless truth-telling, but because of politicians' habit of regularized pandering to those who already agree with us."

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/climate-issues-deserve-an-honest-debate/article/2576172>

**EP Newswire - McCarthy applauds Montreal Protocol Amendment to reduce HFCs -**

11/11/15 - EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy applauded the recent passage of the 2016 Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, which will reduce hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) emissions around the world, potentially

preventing warming of 0.5 C by 2100. <http://epnewswire.com/stories/510647598-mccarthy-applauds-montreal-protocol-amendment-to-reduce-hfcs>

**Pork Network - EPA launches 'Nutrient Recycling Challenge' for livestock waste** - 11/12/15 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is partnering with USDA, pork and dairy producers, and environmental and scientific experts to launch the Nutrient Recycling Challenge, a competition to develop affordable technologies that recycle nutrients from livestock waste. <http://www.porknetwork.com/news/epa-launches-%E2%80%98nutrient-recycling-challenge%E2%80%99-livestock-waste>

**Scientific American - U.S. Congress Hopes to Weigh in on Global Climate Talks** - 11/12/15 - Congressional partisans on both sides of the climate wars are fortifying their positions as landmark U.N. negotiations in Paris near. <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/u-s-congress-hopes-to-weigh-in-on-global-climate-talks/>

## **Clean Power Plan**

**Bloomberg - Surviving U.S. power plants will help keep coal demand steady** - 11/11/15 - If you thought that a record loss of U.S. coal-fired power generation means less of the climate-changing fuel will be burned, think again. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-wp-blm-coal-863a46b4-88ac-11e5-bd91-d385b244482f-20151111-story.html>

**The Hill - Coal 'isn't going anywhere,' industry head says** - 11/11/15 - The head of the coal industry's international association said coal will remain a significant fuel source, despite predictions otherwise. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/259802-coal-isnt-going-anywhere-industry-head-says>

**Washington Times (commentary) - The dirty business of 'clean power'** - 11/11/15 - Access to affordable and reliable electricity is about more than being able to turn on your lights when you get home from work. We need it to power our schools, supermarkets, hospitals, offices, manufacturing plants and airports. But like all things in life, electricity isn't free. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/nov/11/john-ratcliffe-the-dirty-business-of-clean-power/>

**New York Times (letter) - Preserving Nuclear Plants** - 11/11/15 - Entergy's decision to close the FitzPatrick nuclear power plant ("Indian Point Owner to Close Nuclear Plant Upstate, Angering Governor," news article, Nov. 3) is another reminder of the need for policies that properly value nuclear for its carbon-free and reliability benefits. <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/11/opinion/preserving-nuclear-plants.html>

**Watchdog - A big financial hit for the Clean Power Plan? Study claims price hike in 47 states -**

11/11/15 - Critics of the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan say the new regulation will cost up to \$292 billion and potentially raise electricity prices in 47 states.

<http://watchdog.org/246137/clean-power-plan-6/>

**Fox News - Study claims EPA's Clean Power Plan may hike electricity prices in 47 states -**

11/11/15 - Critics of the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan say the new regulation will cost up to \$292 billion and potentially raise electricity prices in 47 states.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/11/11/study-claims-epas-clean-power-act-may-hike-electricity-prices-in-47-states/>

**Natural Resources Defense Council Staff (blog) - New Study, Same Old . . . Tricks: Coal Industry Uses Bogus Accounting to Exaggerate Clean Power Plan Costs -** 11/11/15 - America's biggest polluters are behind another bogus study by NERA Economic Consulting that purports to show EPA's Clean Power Plan will be a costly economic disaster.

[http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/syeh/new\\_study\\_same\\_old\\_tricks\\_coal.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/syeh/new_study_same_old_tricks_coal.html)

**The Hill - EPA seeks to block chief's deposition in coal lawsuit -** 11/11/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency is working to block a deposition for administrator Gina McCarthy as part of a coal industry lawsuit. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/259829-epa-looks-to-block-mccarthy-deposition-in-regulation-lawsuit>

**The Libertarian Republic - Not Even Democrats Believe EPA On Viability Of 'Clean Coal' Tech -**

11/11/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency is under fire again for touting the viability of carbon capture technology for coal-fired power plants, but this time it's coming from a prominent Democratic senator. <http://thelibertarianrepublic.com/not-even-democrats-believe-epa-on-viability-of-clean-coal-tech/>

**Kallinish Energy - EPA's McCarthy strongly defends Clean Power Plan to regulators -** 11/12/15 -

Despite knowing many in her audience of state regulators aren't pleased with her agency's Clean Power Plan (CPP), U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy continued to strongly endorse the final rule.

<http://www.kallanishenergy.com/2015/11/12/epas-mccarthy-strongly-defends-clean-power-plan-regulators/>

**Urban News Service - Study: New Clean Air Rules Will Cost Black Jobs -** 11/11/15 - Thousands of black coal miners, truck drivers and factory workers will lose their jobs as new clean air regulations take effect, says Harry Alford, president of the National Black Chamber of Commerce.

[http://www.indianapolisrecorder.com/news/article\\_f34dc4a8-888c-11e5-b16f-5fd0c639288.html](http://www.indianapolisrecorder.com/news/article_f34dc4a8-888c-11e5-b16f-5fd0c639288.html)